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Title: METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF DERMAL LESIONS CAUSED  
BY ENVENOMATION

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This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 26, 2004, in the above-identified application, and includes:

- Amendments to the Claims (pages 2-4);
- Remarks (pages 5);
- Conclusion (page 5).

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.